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To the 6th Department.

According to information from ZAYATS[1] telegrams to the BANK[ii] contain the following:-

1. The ambassador of the COUNTRY[STRAV][iii] in MADRID on 22nd September passes word that LEQUERICA[LEQUERICA][iv] has expressed great interest to him in the activities of the Spanish FAUCO. COUNTRY[ALIYAN][v] in southern France and asked that the army of the COUNTRY should help France control this area.
2. On 21st September it is reported from Italy that the Greek Government is worried at the prospect of the Red army entering Greece. PapANDREOU[vi] is attempting to play General PLASTIRAS[vii] as a trump card able to unite the "democratic" forces against the Monarchists and Communists.
3. On 2nd September from ALGIERS are given DeBAL's[viii] impressions of the Soviet Union[ix]

[13 groups unrecovered]

Germany she will enter the war with Japan.

[30 groups unrecovered]

The USSR is skeptical with regard to RAS[x] and his committee

[5 groups unrecovered]

with regard to Germany the USSR [6 groups unrecovered] her military power in a decisive way, with a view to the reconstruction of Russia and Europe will bring in 5-6 million German workers

[35 groups unrecovered]

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MW[xi]

Comments:

- [i] ZAYATS: i.e. "HARE" or "STONWAY," Maurice HALPERIN.
- [ii] BANK: U.S. State Department.
- [iii] COUNTRY: U.S.A.
- [iv] LEQUERICA: The Spanish Foreign Minister, Jose Felix LEQUERICA.
- [v] FAUCO. COUNTRY[ALIYAN]: Members of the Communist Party.
- [vi] PapANDREOU: Prime Minister of the Greek Government in exile.
- [vii] General PLASTIRAS: General Nicholas PLASTIRAS who returned to Greece from exile in December 1944.
- [viii] DeBAL: i.e. DEDALUS, Pierre COT.
- [ix] COT arrived in the USSR in March 1944 on a 5-month mission on behalf of the French Committee of National Liberation. The remainder of this message as far as has been shown to be a paraphrase of views expressed by COT after returning from this visit.
- [x] RAS: General Charles DE GAULLE.
- [xi] MW: i.e. M.Y. Stepan Iakharovich APKASYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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